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Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING CONFIGURABLE SECURITY
MONITORING UTILIZING AN INTEGRATED INFORMATION SYSTEM

PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102

Seattle, Washington 98101

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Applicants request that the above-identified application be made special for accelerated examination according to 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(b) as an invention for countering terrorism.

The above-identified application relates to a system and method for integrating a variety of information sources from monitoring devices at a common central server. Based on the information from the monitoring devices, and following internal rules, the central server is capable of detecting when input data from a monitoring device creates an exception to one of the internal rules. Based on an evaluation of the input data and internal rules, the central server generates output in the form of communication to one or more authorized users through a variety of communication mediums and devices.

The current application has significant practical application to security monitoring and contributes to countering terrorism by providing an integrated system for monitoring multiple input streams from monitoring devices such as security monitoring devices. These security monitoring devices include, but not limited to, biometric sensors, video capture and video image recognition devices, metal detectors, motion detectors, ingress and egress detectors, and detectors of trace materials or biological contaminants, all of which are now urgently needed for use in airports, government buildings and other secure facilities, as well as important public events. Using the integrated system described and claimed in the present application will

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enhance the ability of law enforcement officials, security agencies, and other governmental bodies to more effectively and efficiently provide public safety and security.

Applicants enclose the petition fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h) in the amount of \$130.00, our Check No. 136226.

Accordingly, the granting of this petition and an early Office Action on the merits of the application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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